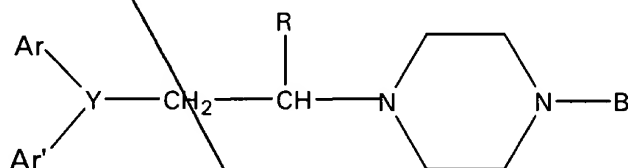


IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 as follows (see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to 1.121):

1. (Amended) A compound of the formula

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wherein

each of Ar and Ar' is independently chosen from a group consisting of phenyl and pyridyl each optionally substituted by one or more members from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, nitro, amino, alkylsulfonylamino, or alkylamino;

Y is chosen from the group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a CH, C-OH, C-CN, or a C-CONH₂ group;

R is a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group;

B is phenyl, optionally substituted by one or more members selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, alkylsulfonylamino, and alkylamino; wherein when the phenyl ring is substituted with two members of the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, amino, alkylsulfonylamino or alkylamino and the two

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members are adjacent to each other, the substituents may be connected together to form a ring fused to the phenyl with the provisos that

1) when B is methoxyphenyl and Y is any of C-CN, and C-CONH₂ then Ar and Ar' are not simultaneously unsubstituted phenyl;

2) when Y equal CH, Ar and Ar' cannot both be optionally substituted pyridyl;

3) when Y equal CH and one of Ar and Ar' equal optionally substituted phenyl, the other of Ar' and Ar cannot equal optionally substituted pyridyl;
and

4) when Y = CH or nitrogen atom and each of Ar and Ar' are optionally substituted phenyl wherein said substitution is methyl, then B cannot be unsubstituted phenyl,

and enantiomers, diastereomers, N-oxides crystalline forms, hydrates and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

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21. (Amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of

1-[3-hydroxy-3,3-bis-(2-pyridyl)propyl]-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperazine;

1-(4-1H-indolyl)-4-[3,3-bis-(2-pyridyl)propyl]piperazine;

1-[3-cyano-3,3-bis-(2-pyridyl)propyl]-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperazine;

1-[3-cyano-3-phenyl-3-(2-pyridyl)propyl]-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperazine; and

1-[N-(2-nitrophenyl)-N-(2-pyridyl)-2-aminoethyl]-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperazine.